

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The application stands subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has designated Species I to include claims 1-15, 65, 71-73; Species II to include claims 16-37; Species III to include claims 38-42; and Species IV to include claims 66-70.

Applicants respectfully object to the restriction requirement. Each alleged species of claims appears to be clearly related to each other. No separate art classifications have been provided. There is no clear reason why the claims must be prosecuted in four groups, as it would be clearly inefficient and wasteful of resources to do so. While the claims are not all obvious variants of each other, they are directed to rewriteable electronic fuses and/or bit cell(s). Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement.

Provisional Election

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species I, which includes claims 1-15, 65 and 71-73, with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims of Species II, III and IV in divisional applications.

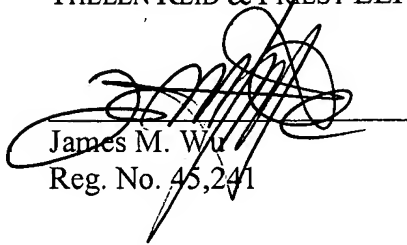
No additional fees are believed to be due at this time. However, please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully examining the present application and if a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited

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